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FM AMEMBASSY KAMPALA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2949

INFO AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM

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AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

AMEMBASSY OTTAWA

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR US UG

SUBJECT: GEN AMIN'S MESSAGE TO COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE

1. GOU ANNOUNCED AUG. 3 THAT PRES AMIN HAD SENT TO OTTAWA SPEECH TO BE DELIVERED TO COMMONWEALTH HEADS OF GOVERNMENT CONFERENCE BY ACTING FONMIN ETIANG, HEAD OF UGANDAN DELEGATION. HIGHLIGHTS OF LENGTHY AMIN STATEMENT FOLLOWS.

2. MESSAGE CONSISTS LARGELY OF GOU DEFENSE OF LAST YEAR'S EXPULSION OF NON-CITIZEN ASIANS. "INTERNATIONAL LAW" IS FREQUENTLY CITED TO DEMONSTRATE UGANDA'S "INALIENABLE RIGHT" TO EXPEL ITS NON-CITIZENS AND TO DEMONSTRATE THAT THE EXPULSION WAS MOTIVATED ON "HISTORICAL, ECONOMICAL AND SOCIAL" AND NOT RACIAL GROUNDS. MOST OF BLAME (BESIDES THAT PLACED ON ASIANS THEMSELVES) LAID SQUARELY ON BRITAIN. COLONIAL ACTIVITIES IN UGANDAN TRACED BACK TO BRITISH EAST AFRICA COMPANY. PRES REITERATED COMPENSATION WILL BE APID TO ALL THOSE NON-CITIZENS WHO PROPERTY WAS EXPROPRIATED, INCLUDING ISRAELIS. DECLARING THAT "CASE OF ISRAELIS IS NOT FOR THIS FORM FORUM," THEN GOES ON TO STATE THAT ISRAELIS PUT UGANDA

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ON BRINK OF BANKRUPTCY AND "THE SPIRIT THAT MOVED THE DECISION

TO EXPEL NON-CITIZEN ASIANS WAS SAME SPIRIT THAT PREVIOUSLY FORMED BASIS OF DECISION TO EXPEL ISRAELIS." SPEECH THEN NOTES THAT GEN DAYAN'S RESPONSE TO HIS EARLIER MESSAGE IS "VERY ENCOURAGING INDEED AND WE HOPE BRITAIN WILL ADOPT A SIMILAR ATTITUDE TO OUR OFFER." ROOT CAUSES OF CURRENT ME AND ZIMBABWE PROBLEMS ALSO ATTRIBUTED TO BRITAIN AND PRES STATED HE "CANNOT HELP THINKING RACISM (BY BRITISH) IS MOTIVATING FACTOR IN THESE SITUATIONS." HMG BLAMED FOR CURTAILING NOT ONLY ITS OWN AID PROGRAMS BUT FOR INFLUENCING CANADA, DENMARK, SWEDEN AND UN TO DO SAME (U.S. POINTEDLY NOT MENTIONED.) OUT OF BLUE, NEAR END OF SPEECH, PRES STATS "WE VENTURE TO SAY EVEN A DEVELOPED COUNTRY, LIKE CANAD, IS THREATENED BY AMERICAN ECONOMIC INFLUENCE AND I MYSELF HAVE RECEIVED MANY PERSONAL APPEALS FROM ORDINARY CANADIANS REQUESTING ASSISTANCE IN SAVING THE SITUATION." NO OTHER U.S. MENTION IN SPEECH.

3. FULL TEXT BEING POUCHED.

4. COMMENT: AMIN ADDRESS WAS DRAFTED OVER PAST SEVERAL WEEKS BY FONMIN OFFICIALS IN ANTICIPATION PM HEATH RAISING ASIAN QUESTION AT OTTAWA CONFERENCE. STRONG VIEWS STATED THEREIN PRESUMABLY ANTEDATE HIS RECENT GLOWING REMARKS ABOUT BRITISH. BURROWS

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